

Important
Notice to
Parents

School Health Requirements



Hawai'i Department of Health • Epidemiology Branch

Dear Parent:

A warm Aloha from the Hawai'i Immunization Program! As you prepare your child to enter school in Hawai'i for the first time, we would like to inform you about the Health Requirements for School Entry. These requirements apply to both public and private schools. Details are explained in this brochure.

Proof that your child has met the following health requirements is required by law for entry into any public or private school, preschool or child care center in Hawai'i:

1. A tuberculosis clearance test (Mantoux) performed in the U.S. within one year prior to Preschool and K-12 school entry. (Infants less than one year of age are not required to have a T.B. Clearance.)
2. A physical examination within one year prior to school entry date.
3. The complete series of required immunizations.

Your health care provider will document the required health information on the official Student's Health Record (Form 14). This form becomes part of your child's official school records and is transferred along with other official records when your child changes schools.

The health requirements for tuberculosis screening, immunization and physical examination must be completed by the first day of school. Children without a tuberculosis clearance will not be admitted to school. If your child does not have proof of a physical or has not met all immunization requirements, a doctor's statement (with the date/time of next visit) or appointment slip from your child's doctor or clinic will enable your child to enter school provisionally. Children granted provisional entrance must follow through with their appointment(s) and must meet all the requirements within three months of provisional entrance in order to remain in school. In the event of an outbreak or epidemic of any of the diseases against which a child is not fully immunized, that child will be excluded from attending school until the outbreak is over or the child receives the required immunization. Please contact your school health office if you have specific questions about these requirements and your child's admission to school.

The Hawai'i Immunization Program

What does Hawai'i State Law require for School Entrance?

Hawai'i State Law requires all students to meet certain health requirements, including appropriate immunizations, before they may enter any school in the state. School is defined to include any public or private:

- day care center
- child care facility
- Head Start program
- preschool
- kindergarten
- elementary school
- secondary school
- special school

What are the health requirements?

1. Physical Exam

Required within one year prior to entry into Hawai'i's school system, including licensed day care and preschools.

2. Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance:

- Completed within one year before Preschool and K-12 school entry for children 12 months of age and older.
- The tuberculin test (Mantoux) or chest x-ray must be performed in the United States.

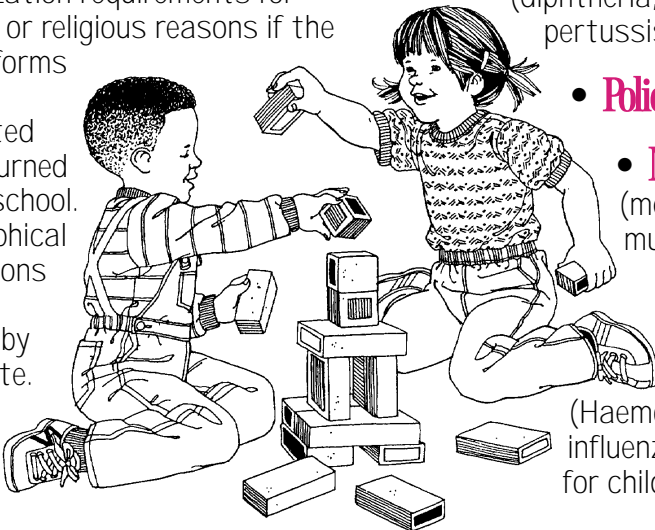
3 Immunizations

Immunizations required for school attendance include:

- **D&P/DIP/Td**
(diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)
- **Polio**
- **MMR**
(measles, mumps, rubella)
- **Hepatitis B**
- **Hb**
(Haemophilus influenzae type b, for children under 5)

Are there exemptions to the law?

Children may be exempt from immunization requirements for medical or religious reasons if the proper forms are completed and returned to the school. Philosophical exemptions are not allowed by the state.



What do I need to give to the school?

1. A Completed Health Record Form

to prove that a physical examination and tuberculin test or x-ray were completed within a year before school entrance and that all immunization requirements have been met.

2. or a Signed Statement or appointment slip from your Doctor

to prove that your child has a physical scheduled or has begun the vaccination series and is waiting for the next dose in the series.

On the first day of school, all students **new** to the Hawai'i State School System must have:

- a) Proof that they tested negative in either a TB test or chest x-ray
- b) A completed health record form or a signed statement from a doctor

BEFORE they can be admitted to school.

Where do I get the school health record form?

You can get a copy of the "Student's Health Record" (Form 14) from most doctors or from the school where your child is enrolled.

What if my child is transferring from another state or territory of the U.S.?

You will need to show proof that the health requirements have been met prior to school entry. The school will accept out-of-state records showing that the physical examination, tuberculin test, and immunizations have been completed.



Tuberculin skin testing and immunizations

can be obtained from your private physician or the Public Health Nursing Clinics. Call ASK-2000 or the Hawai'i Immunization Program (586-8300) for the location nearest you.

Required Immunizations - Preschool

BY THIS AGE	CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE
3 months	1 DTaP ^H + 1 Polio
5 months	2 DTaP ^H + 2 Polio
7 months	3 DTaP ^H + 2 Polio
16 months	3 DTaP ^H + 2 Polio + 1 MMR ^u + Hib [§]
19 months	4 DTaP ^H + 3 Polio + 1 MMR ^u + Hib [§] + 3 Hep B

Vaccine abbreviations: DTP=Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis; DTaP=Diphtheria-Tetanus-acellular Pertussis; Polio=OPV or IPV; OPV=Oral Polio Vaccine; IPV=Inactivated Polio Vaccine; Hib=Haemophilus influenzae type b; MMR=Measles-Mumps-Rubella; Hep B=Hepatitis B

^H DTP may be used in place of DTaP.

^u MMR#1 must be on or after 12 months of age.

[§] More than one dose of Hib is recommended for children less than 15 months of age to be fully protected against Haemophilus influenzae type b. For preschool entry, children must have received **at least one dose of Hib on or after 12 months of age**.

Required Immunizations - Kindergarten — Grade 12

VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
DTP or DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	5
Polio	4
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	2
Hepatitis B	3*

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*Required for school entry for all students born after December 31, 1992

NOTE: Minimum intervals between vaccine doses must be observed.

Questions? Problems?

If you have any questions or problems, call the Hawai'i Department of Health at:

Hawai'i Immunization Program (O'ahu)
586-8300

Public Health Nursing

(Neighbor Islands)

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